

CONTACT REPORT

and UTILITY
11 May 1965, 1600 hours
CATIDE office of UTILITY

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1. After a few introductory pleasantries I worked into the matter of the early warning question posed by the Chief of Station in connection with the arrival of the [] group in Germany (DIR 04698 of 26 April 1965). UTILITY's comments on this subject were covered in an Intra-Station Memorandum to the Chief of Station, dated 12 May.
2. UTILITY then brought up the matter of a visit by General SEIBERT to see his son-in-law in Mannheim. This was covered in a cable to FRAN numbered MUNI 2711 of 12 May 1965.
3. I brought up the fact that the Chief of Station would be in Munich on the 19th and 20th. UTILITY said he would be in Bonn on the 20th and 21st and hoped to get in touch with the Chief of Station at that time.
4. UTILITY mentioned that a contact between his brother who is CATIDE's Rome representative, as UTILITY explained it, and what appeared to be [] This is being covered in a dispatch to Headquarters, [] et al.
5. He thanked me for the memo on the affairs in the Caribbean which we sent to him the day before.
6. The tour d'horizon did not really turn out to be much. We touched the Caribbean and then Vietnam and then the matter of the Near East. What he had to say was essentially what we had covered a couple of weeks earlier. I found actually nothing new to report. I asked him about Turkey and his views there were also similar to what he had before. He commented that there was nothing new so far as he knew.
7. With respect to DeGaulle and France he commented that no matter what DeGaulle was--and he added that DeGaulle was not eternal--in any event he was always true to his allies. He said DeGaulle was true no matter what shenanigans he conjured up.
8. He also expressed the view that DeGaulle would obviously like to get out of a NATO arrangement but that he would never get out of an Atlantic arrangement. At any rate those were UTILITY's views on the subject.

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9. As most of the time with him (nearly an hour) had been spent upon his early warning comments I thought it was about time to close off the meeting. He apparently did too. We closed on an exchange of comments about sailing. He said his boat was not down into the water yet and I again commented that I would be taking a sailing course very shortly if my luck held out.

10. The meeting in my view was characterized not so much by any substance but by an atmosphere of ease and friendliness on an informal basis rather than any formal exchange of comments. It was more friend to friend than it had seemed to be to me ever before.

P.S. In connection with his regrets that he could not attend the concert by Virginia Pleasants, UTILITY said that he was having a very important ambassador's reception at his house, namely, the German ambassador to Rome, that evening and he just could not avoid this visit. Please note above, of course, that his brother is their man in Rome.

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